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TO: G - Mr. Wirth
THROUGH: AF - Mr. Moose
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SUBJECT: Update for Ad Hoc Group Meeting on Rwanda
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Following is an update on AF action items arising from last Friday's Ad Hoc Group meeting on Rwandan Relief Operations:

- o A/S Moose and Amb. Rawson (as well as Secretary Perry, the CJCS, and A/S Shattuck) have engaged the new Rwandan government on the issue of creating an environment in Rwanda that will encourage refugee return. Amb. Rawson reports that we have received all the necessary assurances from the new government and that the government has already begun radio broadcasts encouraging return of refugees. They are working on getting transcripts of the messages. It should be noted that Radio Rwanda currently has a very limited range, and new government asked both Secretary Perry and the CJCS about possible USG assistance to increase the power. The government has also approached appropriate international agencies for assistance in this area. The new government sent a ministerial delegation to the northwest today to help encourage refugee return.
- o Amb. Rawson has been working with UNAMIR Commander Dallaire to facilitate expansion of UNAMIR. Dallaire reports that RPF Commander Kagame has agreed to allow the main francophone contingent (Senegal) to operate in UNAMIR II, at least for a short period until UNAMIR can get its third battalion on the ground. Amb. Rawson said the new government would accept Senegal in UNAMIR if appropriate procedures were followed (i.e., the UN handled the deployment rather than the French arranging the transfer unilaterally.) The Senegalese told Embassy Dakar they would appreciate U.S. supply and air transport of equipment for their contingent. Dallaire also obtained agreement that the RPF forces will not go into the French safe zone until Dallaire and UNAMIR have stabilized the area. UNAMIR has begun joint patrols with the French, to give UNAMIR greater credibility with the displaced Hutus in the French

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safe zone. We will encourage more joint UNAMIR-new Rwandan government patrols, although Amb. Rawson reports that UNAMIR would like to maintain its autonomy and does not want to become limited in its monitoring.

- o The Vice President has the necessary talking points and is expected to call King Hassan Tuesday morning to encourage him to deploy troops to Zaire to help maintain security.
- o AF has prepared and sent to the Secretary our near-term strategy for Burundi, focusing on high-level visits and increased international presence, including human rights monitors and possible deployment of a small contingent of U.S. troops to provide logistical support to the relief effort in Rwanda. A/S Shattuck arrived in Bujumbura Monday, on the heels of A/S Moose's visit last week. State and AID have already identified \$300,000 in funding for human rights monitors. DoD's Joint Task Force on Rwanda is expected to send an assessment team to Bujumbura to examine the possibility of U.S. troop deployment.

New Items

- o Amb. Rawson reports that the situation in the southwest around the French safe zone is very precarious. The displaced Hutus in the zone have stated with near unanimity that they intend to move (presumably to Bukavu in Zaire) when the French pull out. This group has little confidence in the African contingents of UNAMIR, and Amb. Rawson thinks that, if possible, the UN should try to deploy a Western contingent in that area to replace the French. He is encouraging UNAMIR commander Dallaire to deploy some of UNAMIR's (Western) civilian police in that area.

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